

Project 17-057

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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL

Re: Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, Project 17-057

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to follow up on my original letter of support for Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center ("VASC"), Project 17-057, after testifying at the public hearing on January 18, 2018. VASC is located in my legislative district, and I am pleased to voice my continued support for this project. As shown both at the public hearing and in the public application file, VASC has received tremendous local support for its application to relocate its existing ambulatory surgical treatment center ("ASTC") to a newly constructed building one-quarter mile down the street.

At the public hearing, the record reflects that John Glennon offered troubling testimony alleging that VASC did not file or seek approval of certain ownership disclosures with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (the "Review Board"). As reflected on the Review Board website page devoted to Project 17-057, I am aware that VASC has submitted a full and detailed response showing that VASC disclosed such ownership changes and obtained advisory opinions from the Review Board's staff confirming that no formal change of ownership applications were required.

On a side note, as an attorney, I am accustomed to hearing from witnesses who identify the parties that they represent on given matters. At the public hearing, the record reflects that Mr. Glennon indicated that he was a private citizen representing himself and did not describe any affiliation with the St. Charles community or any of its residents. As a legislator representing St. Charles, I am pleased to support this project that will benefit our local economy and improve clinical facilities offered to local residents, and I note that many other local governmental officials and leaders have similarly expressed support for the project.

At the hearing, the record reflects that a representative of the landlord suggested that VASC, as the tenant, should pay the large costs that would be entailed with necessary upgrades to the facility, as opposed to constructing a new building. In essence, the landlord is suggesting that VASC pay twice for the facility – once for the numerous renovations, and a second time for rental of the space. Further, such a plan would disrupt care for patients, during the substantial renovation process, and would not address certain structural issues (such as the fact that the building is wood frame construction).

Last fall, I extensively toured VASC's facility and met with many of the clinical staff, and I know that VASC's staff is dedicated to offering a comfortable space for patients that is compliant with current life safety codes and best practices. I hope that the Review Board will note the overwhelming local support for this project, and fully consider the strong merits of this application.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Andersson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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